

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 4435, the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. I especially want to thank Chairman MCKEON for working with my staff and I to include section 1072 in his Manager Amendment.

As we draw down our presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, military equipment used in theater can be used to enhance border security at home, and in the process, save taxpayer dollars.

Section 1072 modifies current law, last updated in 1996 before the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, which guides the transfer of excess military equipment to provide preference for "border security activities."

This change puts border security, and the Department of Homeland Security, on equal footing with the Department of Justice and the Office of National Drug Control Policy so the Department's border security components can readily tap into excess military equipment on a preferential basis.

In the past, United States Customs and Border Protection has missed out on thousands of articles of DoD excess gear because the equipment is distributed on a first-come first-serve basis, notwithstanding statutory preference in under current law.

Section 1072 will bring the law up to date and will allow the operators on the ground protecting our border to more effectively complete their mission.

Again, I want to thank Chairman MCKEON and the staff of the Armed Services Committee for working with me to include this important provision in this year's NDAA.

TRIBUTE TO KUDER, INC.

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kuder, Inc. of Adel, Iowa for being named a 2014 recipient of the President's "E" Award by the United States Department of Commerce.

On December 5, 1961, the prestigious "E" Award program was created by President

Kennedy through Executive Order to properly recognize American citizens and organizations who significantly contribute to increasing United States exports. United States exports are a crucial part of our economy and support nearly 10 million jobs across the country.

Kuder, Inc. is a growing career and education planning company with an increasing focus on evidence-based career guidance overseas. From Adel, Iowa, Kuder has acquired multiple government contracts in the Middle East and Asia as well as fostering collaboration with private organizations and government agencies in Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. In total, Kuder has helped more than 150 million people discover their career aspirations. In addition to Kuder, Inc.'s national recognition for its outstanding efforts, Kuder was also recently selected as the Iowa Small Business Exporter of the Year for 2014 by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their outstanding leadership in our state's business community. It is clear that Iowa's own Kuder, Inc. truly represents the spirit of American business and the renowned Iowa work ethic.

Mr. Speaker, the great work done every day by the men and women of the Kuder, Inc. provides a crucial service to their community and our nation as a whole. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kuder, Inc. for receiving this coveted award and thanking them for their invaluable efforts. It is an honor to represent the people who comprise this leading organization in the United States Congress, and I look forward to many more years of Kuder's innovative and positive impact in Iowa.

HONORING MATTHEW HARTMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Hartmann. Matt is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matt has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matt has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and led his troop as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Matt has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matt led a team in designing and constructing 30 new signs and replacing 28 burlap targets at the James A. Reed Conservation Area archery range in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Hartmann for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CAPTAIN KYNNIE MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain Kynnie Martin for her service to our country.

Captain Martin served in the United States Army from December 2002 to December 2010. She was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, as the Assistant Intelligence Officer. She was subsequently deployed in support of Iraqi Freedom as the 3rd Infantry Division's first Shadow Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Company Executive Officer and Platoon Leader, Camp Taji, Iraq, and as Battalion Intelligence Officer for 703rd Forward Support Battalion, 4th Brigade.

Captain Martin continues her work on behalf of veterans in her civilian career as Senior Recruiter for Veterans and Diversity for Xcel Energy and as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Women Veterans of Colorado.

Through her courageous service, Captain Martin charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Captain Kynnie Martin for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the conference report for H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Today is a monumental occasion for our nation's economy, for the creation of good-paying jobs, and for the health of our natural environment.

Thanks to the leadership of Chairman SHUSTER and Ranking Member RAHALL, we present this Chamber with a thoughtful, reasonable, and optimistic bill that renews this Congress' commitment to our Nation's water-related infrastructure.

In that light, I would like to personally thank our Chairman, our Ranking Member, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water Resources, Mr. GIBBS, for the open and inclusive process with which our Committee conducted negotiations with the other body on WRRDA,

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and for their leadership in returning our Committee to its long-standing traditions of bipartisanship and collaboration—as exemplified in the Chairmanships of the gentleman from Pennsylvania's father, the former Chairman Shuster, as well as the late-Chairman of this Committee, Chairman Oberstar.

These former Committee leaders knew that a successful outcome can only come from the valuable input from Members on both sides of the aisle, from constructive negotiation, and from mutual respect. That is what we have seen return to this Committee under our current Chairman, and if the final vote tally for this Conference report is as I expect, then this bill ought to serve as a model for how this Congress conducts the American people's business.

Today is also a monumental day, because while this bill is about many things, most importantly, it is about job creation—not only those good construction jobs that will come with the authorization of 34 Chiefs Reports contained in the bill, but also the jobs that rely on a robust network of large and small ports and inland waterways to move goods throughout the United States.

I am especially pleased that this Conference report provides a reasonable path forward to the challenges facing the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

This legislation provides that, within 10 years, 100 percent of the fund proceeds are used for their intended purposes—harbor maintenance—while ensuring that any increase in harbor maintenance does not come at the expense of other critical Corps' programs. I am also thankful that this conference report recognizes the critical importance of our Nation's small ports to our regional and local economies in establishing future funding priorities.

Unfortunately, we could not solve all of the financial challenges facing the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, or the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. That will have to come from continued Congressional attention and future legislative efforts. However, today is a good first step in addressing the most pressing challenges facing each of these funds, and should be supported.

Mr. Speaker, today is also a monumental day because this new WRRDA creates a reasonable and workable process, developed by this chamber, to address the ongoing navigation, flood damage reduction, and environmental restoration challenges facing each of our Congressional districts. For the past few years, this Congress has, unfortunately, ceded our constitutional and representative duties to the Executive branch in deciding what is in the best interests of our Congressional districts. This Conference report rightly restores our Congressional discretion in establishing these priorities, as well as the balance between the Congress and the Executive branch in meeting the local challenges of our districts.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, today is a monumental day because, at long last, this WRRDA restores the Federal commitment to our other remaining water infrastructure challenges—our failing sewage and drinking water infrastructure.

First, this Conference Report includes legislation that has eluded this Congress for almost three decades—the reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. For decades, this critical, and widely-popular program

has been the leading source of Federal funding to States and communities to address their ongoing water quality challenges. Today, we recommit to this program, and provide additional tools to our States and to our communities to address local water quality challenges in a flexible, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable manner. I am pleased that much of this language is modeled after legislation (H.R. 1877) that I have introduced over the last few Congresses, and thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their willingness to include this language in the Conference Report.

Finally, this Conference report adopts a modified version of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (or WIFIA) that was approved by the other body. Many of the modifications made to this authority were to address a concern that I had raised about the potential impact of this new authority on the existing Clean Water SRF program. I am confident that these modifications send a clear message of Congressional support for both the existing SRF program, as well as for testing this new WIFIA pilot program, and commit that our Committee will need to revisit this issue in the near future.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased at the progress we have made together on improving water infrastructure in the United States. Again, I thank the leadership of our Chairman and our Ranking Member for getting us to this point today.

I urge my colleagues to support the Conference Report to H.R. 3080.

HONORING THETA PHI SIGMA
CHRISTIAN SORORITY, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, since 2009, Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc., has been and continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the 2014 "Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc., Proverbs Alpha Kingdom Celebration Weekend," is being held this year in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc., was founded by Dr. Jessica Martin, in Montgomery, Alabama, to promote Christian standards, values and the creative and artistic ideals of the modern woman; and

Whereas, its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community through projects such as voter registration, health walks, mentorships and scholarships; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by the ladies of Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc., our nation and the world is a better place due to their commitment to excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize their outstanding service to our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim January 18, 2014 as Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc., Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of January, 2014.

HONORING REVEREND CLAUDE E.
WILSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Reverend Claude E. Wilson. Known as a prominent leader in our community and as a devoted husband, father and friend, Reverend Wilson has left an indelible mark on our community. With his passing on May 9, 2014, we look to Reverend Wilson's personal legacy of spiritual service, the joy he inspired and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 11, 1932 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Reverend Wilson moved to Seattle, Washington with his family at the age of eight. After graduating from Simpson College in San Francisco in 1956, Reverend Wilson went to pursue his Master's degree at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley. He obtained a Masters of Religious Education and a Masters of Divinity. In 1980, Reverend Wilson completed his Doctor of Ministry at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

Throughout the 1960s, Reverend Claude Wilson served as a minister of Christian education and assistant to the pastor at McGee Avenue Baptist Church. In 1969, he became the pastor at Havenscourt Community Church, where he served his community for over 44 years. In addition, Reverend Wilson instructed at different institutes and universities, including the Bible Fellowship Institute, Fuller Seminary, and he was a Professor of Pastoral Care for Patten University.

Among Reverend Wilson's many accomplishments, he was also an active community leader and organizer. He served as the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the East Bay, one of the oldest Black ministerial alliances in Northern California. Reverend Wilson also served as the President of the Northern California Council of Churches. In addition, he was a member of Pastors of Oakland and Love Fellowship of Churches, and was the Intern Chaplain at San Quentin Prison.

Reverend Claude Wilson has left a lasting imprint on our society and communities of faith. Reverend Wilson dedicated more than half of his life to ministry and will be remembered for his wisdom and compassion. In recognition for all of his achievements, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Monrovia, Liberia naming a building after him: The Doctor Claude E. Wilson Academy.

On a personal note, I will always remember the confidence Reverend Wilson had in me when he endorsed me during my first campaign in 1989 for the California Assembly. He encouraged me and helped me win election after election. I was so proud to list him on my literature as a supporter. More importantly, however, I was proud to call him my friend. Reverend Wilson's smile, his kind words and his prayers reassured me to keep fighting the good fight. He was always there for me and for that, I am forever grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding community leader and individual, Reverend Claude

E. Wilson. His dedication and efforts have impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Claude's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
DOROTHY HOLMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief Master Sergeant Dorothy Holmes for her service to our country.

Chief Holmes served in the United States Air Force from May 1949 to May 1979. During her distinguished career, she was assigned to numerous locations worldwide, including Europe, Puerto Rico, two tours in Asia and several posts throughout the United States. Chief Holmes was assigned to the United States Air Force Academy in 1976, specifically to serve as a role model and mentor for the first class of female cadets. She distinguished herself by being the first female Chief Master Sergeant assigned to the Air Force Academy.

Chief Holmes was the first African American woman in the United States Air Force to achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, and she was the first woman to retire with 30 years continuous service.

Through her courageous service, Chief Holmes charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Dorothy Holmes for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 220 on H.R. 3080—"To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes," I am not recorded because I was absent due to a district issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 221 on H.R. 3530—"Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act," I am not recorded because I was absent due to a district issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 222 on H.R. 4225—"Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act of 2014," I am not recorded because I was absent due to a district issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE NEW CRJ900 BOMBARDIER/AMERICAN AIRLINES PARTNERSHIP

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday a new plane debuted in the skies above Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport. From the outside it may have resembled other aircraft you've seen, on the inside this state-of-the-art bird offers passengers a better travel experience, with more leg room, bigger overhead bins, and a brighter cabin.

This plane is the CRJ900 NextGen aircraft, a new regional jet built by Bombardier, the world's only manufacturer of both planes and trains. American Airlines will be the first carrier to fly these aircraft, and will begin adding them to their fleet next month.

American Airlines has been an operator of Bombardier's CRJ family of aircraft for a long time. And though we are all familiar with American, our DFW-based airline, you may not be as familiar with Bombardier who also has strong presence in our hometown.

Bombardier employs more than 8,500 people in the U.S., whether at their manufacturing facilities that build aircraft and rail equipment for both domestic and export markets, at their network of service centers that maintain the products they build, or at their flight test, engineering and training centers that are an extension of their core manufacturing operations.

Bombardier has four facilities in the North Texas area alone, including two in the 24th district: Bombardier built and currently operates the Skylink automated people mover at DFW, the free system that swiftly connects passengers to all five airport terminals. Bombardier also has a pilot and technician training facility at DFW, which I had the pleasure to visit last year, where six full-sized, state-of-the-art aircraft simulators train pilots and maintenance technicians on Bombardier aircraft. Pilots and technicians from around the world come to this training facility in my district.

Bombardier is a key employer in the 24th district, and I am excited for American to be the first to take delivery of this sophisticated new regional jet. I congratulate them both on this partnership and look forward to flying on the new CRJ900 in the near future.

HONORING THE GENESIS PHILANTHROPY GROUP

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Genesis Philanthropy Group (GPG) and their mission to develop programs focused on ensuring that Jewish culture, heritage, and values are preserved in Jewish communities throughout the world.

This year, this organization is honoring Michael Bloomberg on his selection as the inaugural Genesis Prize Laureate. The goal of the Genesis Prize, awarded by the Genesis Philanthropy Group, is to instill in the younger generations of the Jewish Diaspora a sense of

belonging—both to a collective future and to a collective past. This \$1 million award is endowed by the Genesis Philanthropy group and is annually presented by the Prime Minister of Israel to an individual who has attained excellence and international renown in their chosen professional field, and whose actions and achievements embody the character of the Jewish people. This award is the result of a unique partnership between the Israeli Prime Minister's office, the Genesis Philanthropy Group, and the Office of the Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The Jewish people have celebrated and relied on the strength of their shared identity throughout history. In today's society there is an increasing emphasis on finding a "global identity", and technology has allowed people to be interconnected in new and fascinating ways. However, it is important to remember the past, and for younger generations to reaffirm their Jewish identity and assert pride in their Jewish heritage by highlighting the inherent Jewish values that inspire the laureates' achievements.

Mr. Speaker, let us stand by the Genesis Philanthropy Group and its important mission of advancing and celebrating Jewish peoplehood.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT: GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce legislation to end the misguided freeze on public health research about firearm safety and gun violence.

For too long, this Congress has put political talking points ahead of real solutions, and our country is a more dangerous place because of it. Every day, 32 Americans are murdered with guns, and a recent study conducted by researchers at New York University's Langone Medical Center and St. Luke's Medical Center found the U.S. has the highest rate of gun-related deaths among a group of 27 developed countries, including four times higher than Canada.

Because of past riders on Appropriations legislation, federal funding for gun violence research came to a halt in the mid-1990s. As a result policymakers and community leaders lack the authoritative public health research they need to address the horrifying persistence of gun violence.

The bill I introduce today, with companion legislation introduced by Senator MARKEY, would right this wrong and authorize \$10 million in annual funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through Fiscal Year 2020. This funding will allow the CDC to begin the research agenda outlined in a report issued last year by the Institutes of Medicine to identify areas in need of study to better understand the underlying causes of gun violence and best implement strategies for prevention.

We know that public health research can save lives and prevent tragedies. For example, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds research to make our roads

and cars safer—and car fatalities have decreased 36 percent in the last 20 years. Other public health crises cannot be left ignored, and I'm proud to introduce this legislation that addresses the epidemic of gun violence and develops best strategies to prevent future incidents.

COLONEL MARY MILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Mary Miller for her service to our country.

Colonel Miller served in the United States Army from June 1981–June 2011, for a total of 30 years—10 of which were on active duty and 20 years in the Army Reserve. She retired at the rank of colonel. During her distinguished career, Colonel Miller served in a variety of military intelligence assignments worldwide. She was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at the Multi National Forces Headquarters in Baghdad where she served as the commander of the 208th Army Liaison Team, 96th Regional Readiness Command.

Colonel Miller continues to serve our nation as a civilian employee at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the Chief of Operations Division.

Through her courageous service, Colonel Miller charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Colonel Mary Miller for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF A HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a House Resolution Calling for Free and Fair Elections in Ukraine. Ukraine will hold a presidential election this Sunday, May 25, 2014, with the goal of once again reinforcing a democratic legitimacy within the country.

On February 22, 2014, the Ukrainian Parliament voted to remove Victor Yanukovich from the post of President of Ukraine. This election to replace the former president is planned amidst political upheaval that has included violent street protests, Russia's invasion and illegitimate annexation of Crimea, and Russian instigated separatist rebellions throughout the eastern portions of the country.

The prospects this presidential election hold cannot be overstated. It is a decisive marker for a fresh start for Ukraine. Free and fair elections are fundamental for regaining economic and political stability throughout the nation.

The importance of free and fair elections is not lost on the American people. With this resolution we are reaffirming the commitment of

the United States' support of the expression of freedom, human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law in Ukraine, embodied through elections that are free and fair. Further, we condemn the interference of foreign agitators in pre-election activities and behavior that could adversely impact voter participation during polling.

In the remaining days prior to the election, the focus of the international community will remain on supporting the preparations and ensuring the Ukrainian people understand they are supported in these democratic efforts. Promoting access and participation in free and fair democratic processes must be a priority for America. I encourage my colleagues to support these ideals through this resolution.

No nation across our world suffered more or endured more in the last century's bloody European wars than did Ukraine. Freedom loving people hold a moral obligation to right the wrongs of the past in the present for Ukraine through these historic elections.

May they occur peaceably as thousands of election monitors from across our globe travel to Ukraine to assure that nation a better future.

This weekend in our own Nation, as Memorial Day commemorations ensue, including the 10th Anniversary ceremony here in Washington, D.C. of the dedication of the World War II Memorial, in which I will gratefully participate, let us remember those whose sacrifices made our freedoms possible. And let us pray for those who dream of opportunities America is blessed to enjoy, like the people of Ukraine who have yet known full freedom and whose moment is now.

HONORING DYLAN N. STRAUGHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan N. Straughn. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 251, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dylan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan N. Straughn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I missed rollcall vote 217, on H.R. 10, Success

and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PASTOR JOE CATANI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pastor Joe Catani of Dubois, Pennsylvania for 50 years of service to his community.

Pastor Catani has served as the pastor for three different churches over the span of his fifty year career. From 1971–1997, he served at the Jonestown Bible Church, followed by The Grace Fellowship Church in Wilkes Barre (1997–1999), and finally, the Bressler Bible Church (1999–2014). In addition to his work with the church, he has volunteered as a chaplain for rest homes and has served on mission agency boards. Pastor Catani's efforts have enriched his community, and his selfless service has touched thousands of people, in the states and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, for over 50 years of exemplary pastoral service, I commend Pastor Catani and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

COMMANDER KATHLEEN NOLL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Commander Kathleen Noll for her service to our country.

Commander Kathleen Noll served in the United States Navy Nurse Corps and Navy Reserve from 1972 to 1993 for a total of 21 years. Commander Noll served at Subic Bay, Philippines, when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam, effectively ending the Vietnam War. During her tour in the Philippines, she was part of the Grand Island clinic caring for the civilian Vietnamese refugees and active duty military personnel.

Commander Noll later activated and deployed to the Persian Gulf in Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Storm where they built a fully functioning, fully staffed field hospital in three days. Commander Noll continues her nursing career as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for Kaiser Permanente.

Through her courageous service, Commander Noll charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Commander Kathleen Noll for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING DR. MONTE DEAN BUTLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Monte Dean Butler for

his 18 years of service to Pacific Union College's Department of Psychology and Social Work. Mr. Butler has dedicated his career to preparing students for a career in social work and to providing social services to the Napa County community, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

Mr. Butler was born and raised in Dinuba, California. He attended Pacific Union College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. Mr. Butler then continued his studies at the University of Utah, where he received a Graduate Certificate of Gerontology, a Master of Social Work, and a Ph.D. in Social Work. He returned to Pacific Union College, where he has taught social work courses for 18 years, including 10 years as the Bachelor of Social Work Field Coordinator, 8 years as the Program Director, and 7 years as the chair of the Psychology and Social Work Department.

As Program Director, Dr. Butler managed the Bachelor of Social Work Program's reaffirmation process, which resulted in the program receiving the highest level of affirmation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Outside of Pacific Union College, Dr. Butler continues to serve the Napa community through his work with numerous organizations. He developed the Angwin Food Pantry in 2006 and he started the Christmas Tree Family Project to help families in need in the Napa community. Dr. Butler has also served as the Volunteer Coordinator for ALDEA Treat Foster Care Program's "Foster Parent University" and he has served as a volunteer for the Get Out the Vote: General Election and Shuttle Service Project and as a home visitor for the COPE Family Resource Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Butler not only for his commitment to social work, but for his commitment to our community. Dr. Butler's unyielding dedication to educating students and providing social services is greatly appreciated by the Napa County community and we wish him further success in an already distinguished career.

THE NECESSITY OF TESTIMONY
FROM SECRETARY OF STATE
JOHN KERRY TO EXPLAIN HIS
DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE TO
COMPLY WITH A CONGRES-
SIONAL SUBPOENA

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, as the House's Select Committee on Benghazi stands up and takes ownership of an investigation that has been conducted jointly by standing committees since the fall of 2012, the Oversight and Government Reform Committee has, with your support, one final bit of business scheduled for May 29: subpoenaed testimony from Secretary of State John Kerry about his Department's failure to produce critical documents subject to a lawful subpoena.

On April 17, 2014, the State Department sent a letter informing the Committee that it was producing previously unreleased e-mails subject to prior requests and subpoenas. In this letter the State Department acknowledged

that these documents were responsive to a September 20, 2012, request and an August 1, 2013, subpoena. These subpoenaed documents had been willfully withheld from the Committee and were only turned over after a federal judge ruled against the administration's efforts to block a Freedom of Information Act request from the organization Judicial Watch.

One e-mail in this production showed that White House official Ben Rhodes coordinated talking points for then Ambassador Susan Rice, encouraging an emphasis that the attack was "rooted in an Internet video, and not a failure of policy." This exposed false White House claims that inaccurate statements made by then Ambassador Susan Rice on national television were solely the product of bad information from the intelligence community even though the intelligence community talkers made no reference to an Internet video.

Undaunted, earlier this month, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney argued at a White House press briefing that the Internet video reference in the Ben Rhodes' e-mail was the result of a, "connection between the protests in Cairo and what happened in Benghazi, that's drawn directly from talking points produced by the intelligence community, as testified to by the deputy director of the CIA on multiple occasions."

New evidence obtained by the Oversight Committee, however, contradicts this explanation. An e-mail sent at 9:11 pm eastern time on September 11, 2012, (3:11 am September 12 in Libya) to the Diplomatic Security Command Center under the subject line "Update on response actions—Libya" recounts items discussed in a Secure Video Teleconference attended by senior Administration officials. Among the items noted in this e-mail, one states: "White House is reaching out to U-Tube to advise ramifications of the posting of the Pastor Jon Video." Among descriptions of actions from different agencies, the e-mail says nothing else about what the White House was doing that night. This information is troubling for a number of reasons.

First, it contradicts White Press Secretary Jay Carney's claim this month that White House assertions about an Internet video were "drawn directly from talking points produced by the intelligence community." The intelligence community talking points that were used, in part, to brief Ambassador Rice were not even requested until September 14—three days after the attack and the White House's decision to embrace its storyline.

Second, former Libya Deputy of Chief of Mission Gregory Hicks—who spoke to Ambassador Christopher Stevens on the phone during the attack—indicated that it was immediately clear to him that the assault on the Benghazi diplomatic compound was a terrorist attack and not a protest of a YouTube video gone awry. Retired Brigadier General Robert Lovell, who had served as Deputy Director for Intelligence and Knowledge Development at U.S. Africa Command the night of the attack also testified that the assault on the Benghazi compound was clearly identifiable as a terrorist attack and not a protest gone awry. Former Deputy CIA Director Mike Morrell publicly testified that incorrect conclusions by his agency that there had been a protest were made as a result of analysis that took place after, not during, the attack. In fact, reports and evidence collected during the attack and embraced by some Administration officials

specifically pointed to Al Qaeda linked militia Ansar al-Sharia. A State Department draft memo for Secretary Clinton from September 12 about a condolence letter to the mother of slain American Sean Smith actually references both the White House assertion of a YouTube video and the involvement of Ansar al-Sharia.

Third and finally, the e-mail shows the White House had hurried to settle on a false narrative—one at odds with the conclusions reached by those on the ground—before Americans were even out of harm's way or the intelligence community had made an impartial examination of available evidence. According to the e-mail, the White House—at 3:11 am Libya time—had resolved to call YouTube owner Google about an Internet video being responsible for violence more than two hours before Americans Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty were killed by militants at 5:15 am.

Unfortunately Secretary Kerry and the State Department continue to try to keep this information from the public, only turning this document over to Congress last month. While the information I have cited from this e-mail is clearly unclassified, the State Department has attempted to obstruct its disclosure by not providing Congress with an unclassified copy of this document that redacted only classified portions outlining what the Department of Defense and the Secretary of State were doing in response to the attack in Benghazi that night. This tactic prevents the release of the e-mail itself. In advance of Secretary Kerry's testimony, I intend to request that the State Department declassify this e-mail in its entirety. I will also request that a small sample of other documents be declassified and the removal of redactions from other material occur so that the Oversight Committee can have a more meaningful discussion with Secretary Kerry about information that has been inappropriately withheld from Congress.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your support for this hearing and view it as an appropriate conclusion to the transition the House of Representatives has decided to make to a Select Committee. By discussing these issues with Secretary Kerry in a public forum on May 29 at the Oversight Committee, the Select Committee will benefit from an examination of tactics this Administration has employed to obstruct the investigation into the Benghazi terrorist attacks. Oversight is a constitutional responsibility of Congress, but we can only do our job when the executive branch, one way or another, meets its legal responsibilities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2014, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 198. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on agreeing to H. Res. 568.

HONORING THE W.N. GRIFFIN, JR.,
GOSPEL CHOIR

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many organizations strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir formed in November, 1944 presents the gospel through songs of praise and inspiration touching the lives of thousands throughout the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of not only a choir, but a ministry that started with the leadership of Reverend J.S. Roddy and seven (7) choir members which has now grown to one hundred twenty (120) members; and has been and continues to be a great gift by witnessing the gospel through music; and

Whereas, our beloved District has a jewel in this choir that touches the hearts, minds and souls of so many; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened, our lives have been touched and our spirits uplifted by this anointed choir that shares so freely of themselves; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir of Saint Philip A.M.E. Church for its outstanding service to our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 9, 2014 as The W.N. Griffin, Jr. Gospel Choir Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of February, 2014.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DIANNE WOLF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Lieutenant Dianne Wolf for her service to our country.

Lieutenant Wolf served in the United States Army Nurse Corps from September 1969 to August 1971. During her service as an Army Nurse, she served a year of duty in Vietnam with the 91st Evacuation Hospital, Republic of Vietnam. She is most proud of having had the opportunity to serve as a nurse while on active duty, including her tour in Vietnam.

After her service, Lieutenant Wolf was hired by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs where she continued to serve for over 30 years, caring for veterans from various wars and conflicts.

Through your courageous service, Lieutenant Wolf charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to First Lieutenant Dianne Wolf for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America and the Veterans she has served.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19, 2014, due to a family funeral, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 218, "yea;" on rollcall No. 219, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 222, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

BUSINESS WOMEN'S FORUM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Business Women's Forum which is celebrating 20 years of supporting female professionals in South Central Pennsylvania.

Since its founding in 1994, the Business Women's Forum has brought together businesswomen and leaders from the South Central region of Pennsylvania for a one day event where they can meet with and learn from other women with a variety of backgrounds and organizations. Today, in partnership with more than nine Central Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce, it is the largest one-day professional development and tradeshow event in the Central Pennsylvania region. By offering women with opportunities to develop their professional skills and plan for the future, the Business Women's Forum provides an invaluable resource to the businesswomen of South Central Pennsylvania and to the economic vitality of the region.

Mr. Speaker, for their efforts in creating a strong workforce of skilled and developed businesswomen, I thank the Business Women's Forum for their contributions to our state and congratulate them on reaching the momentous milestone of their 20th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO HAGOP AND KNAR
MANJIKIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for the books they have published on the Armenian Genocide. An estimated 1.5 million Armenians perished between 1915 and 1923, but the statistics only tell part of the story. The first person accounts of the Genocide, which the Manjikian had translated to

English in order to reach a broad audience, put a human face on the violence and suffering experience by the Armenians, as well as their unflagging will to survive.

"The Fatal Night"—(Volume 2) Mikayel Shamtanchian was among the hundreds of Armenian intellectuals rounded up on the night of April 24, 1915, and deported to the interior of Turkey, where the Turkish genocide of Armenians began. The author beat the odds and survived the first genocide of the 20th century. His memoir, *The Fatal Night*, is a detailed account of the extermination of Turkey's Armenian cultural and civic leadership in 1915. Shamtanchian recorded the fates of the innocent Armenian luminaries who perished in Anatolia—the echoes of "Lord, Have Mercy," the last hymn sung by the Armenian priest and music ethnologist Komitas and a throng of exiles held in a Turkish military fort, and the pangs of authors Daniel Varuzhan and Sevak as they were slaughtered in the field of death called Ayash. The book provides a partial list of the Armenian intellectuals, civic leaders and priests who were martyred during the Genocide.

"Death March" (Volume 3)—Shahen Derderian was barely eight years old when the Ottoman Turkish government deported his family, along with the entire Armenian community of his native Sebastia (now Sivas). The uprooting was part of an elaborate Turkish plan to exterminate the Armenian population of Anatolia. In the ensuing forced marches, the Sebastia caravan—one among countless others—was subjected by the Turkish police and hired criminals to a systematic spree of murder, robbery, rape, and death by starvation and disease. Young Shahen Derderian survived the carnage through sheer miracle. In *Death March*, he tells a harrowing story of dehumanization and loss, whose enormity would eventually be matched only by the Armenian survivors' spirit of renewal.

"The Crime of the Ages" (Volume 4)—In 1919 Sebah Aguni chronicled the large-scale plunder, deportations, and massacres that were systematically perpetrated by the Turkish government in its effort to exterminate the Armenian population of Turkey. The *Crime of the Ages*—the first English translation of Aguni's study—is an invaluable work of historiography as it encompasses not only firsthand victim accounts of the Turkish atrocities, but a wealth of evidential information culled from Turkish, European, and American official sources. Brimming with the eloquent, vivid narrative of a journalist and survivor, *The Crime of the Ages* portrays, in prodigious documentary detail, one of history's most heinous crimes, the Genocide of the Armenians.

"Defying Fate" (Volume 5)—For the fifth volume of the Genocide Library, we chose the memoirs of Mr. and Mrs. Aram and Dirouhi Avedian, both of whom were survivors of the Genocide of Armenians by the Turks. Aram Avedian's writing consisted of a small book of handwritten notes titled "The dark days I've lived." Dirouhi Avedian's memoirs comprised a relatively longer, though still compact, handwritten diary titled "My life." Originally written in Armenian and translated to English, their memoirs reveal a childhood of sorrow and anguish as they relate how they lost their families and how they survived thanks to the kindness of strangers. Their infrangible faithfulness toward their cultural identity leads them to risk their lives and escape their circumstances. Amidst the tragedy, a happy ending emerges.

"Our Cross" (Volume 6)—Our Cross is a collection of autobiographical short stories about survivors of Mets Yeghern, the 1915 Genocide of the Armenians. M. Salpi (Aram Sahakian) was a medical officer in the Turkish army during the First World War. In the course of his service, he met many Armenian soldiers and officers who recounted to him the plight of their families following the deportations and massacres of their communities by the Turkish government. After his capture by the British, Sahakian was appointed resident doctor at an Armenian refugee camp in Port Said, Egypt. Here, as well as during his sojourns in Syria and Lebanon, he met numerous Genocide survivors who struggled to rebuild their lives. Sahakian found their experiences at turns heartbreaking and inspiring, and went on to portray them in his writings. Complementing the laser-sharp observations of a man of science with the compassion and sensitivity of someone who himself had walked the path of devastation, Sahakian's stories pulsate with unforgettable images and characters, each a microcosm of a nation's cataclysm but also its irrepressible will to endure.

I hereby ask all Members to join me in honoring Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for their efforts to keep the memories of those who experienced the Armenian Genocide alive.

HONORING JOE CAPPUZZELLO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Joe Cappuzzello from Girard, Ohio. After 39 years working in the school system, Mr. Cappuzzello will be retiring from Girard High School as athletic director.

Under his guidance as assistant Athletic Director, Girard won the 1992–93 state Division II boys' basketball championship. Joe later became Girard High School's first full-time athletic director.

A Girard native, Joe is truly a leader in our community and has proven this by his dedication to educational values. Joe has advocated the importance of balancing athletics and education in schools today and has personally worked toward achieving this objective through his work as Athletic Director and teacher at Girard High School.

I want to extend my warm and sincere thanks to Joe Cappuzzello for his lifelong devotion to educating and coaching students in Trumbull County. I would like to wish him congratulations on all he has accomplished and all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. BILLIE OLIN LENDERMAN, JR.

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Lt. Col. Billie

Lenderman. Billie was born on May 19, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia, attended Auburn University, and earned an MBA from Georgia College and State University. He served in the United States Air Force for twenty years. He fought during Desert Storm, served as a command pilot and instructor pilot in the KC-135, and retired in 1992 after acting as the Commander of the 912th Air Refueling Squadron. After his retirement, Billie worked as a program manager for TRW and as Chief Instructor Pilot of JSTARS training for the Air Force.

Billie served our country with honor and courage. His service to our country and his contributions to our community can never be quantified. His generation gave us the freedom that we've enjoyed all our lives. I am confident that his distinguished service record and many accolades do not even come close to telling his story. Like so many of his fellow soldiers, he returned home to start a family, raise his children, and pursue the American dream he fought for. Besides being the consummate American hero, Billie was a loving husband, devoted father, and doting grandfather.

My thoughts and prayers are with Billie's family during this difficult time. It's heroes and family men like Billie that make our country great. They will continue to bless us, and their memory will carry on. I feel honored to stand today and recognize the memory of Billie Lenderman. He will be truly missed.

LUCILE WISE, WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) Lucile Wise for her service to our country.

Lucile served in the Women Air Service Pilots (WASP) from May 1943–December 1944. She joined the military because she loved to fly and wanted to help the war effort. After an intense six months' training, Lucile received her flying wings and was assigned to the Air Force Weather Regional Office where she carried weather officers on inspection trips and to meetings. Lucile felt her WASP experience was important, because it gave the opportunity to show women could fly military aircraft just as well as men.

Lucile became a strong advocate for the WASP organization, and in 1988 she was elected their president. She was instrumental in the organization's efforts to obtain Congressional military recognition and veterans' benefits for the WASP. In 2010, along with the other remaining WASP women, Lucile was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Through her courageous service, Lucile charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Women Airforce Service Pilot Lucile Wise for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19, 2014, I was unable to be present for the last vote in a series of recorded votes. I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 219 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 685, as amended).

HONORING UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL 342

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, and Congressman ERIC SWALWELL to honor the United Association (UA2 Local Union 342, which is celebrating its 100 anniversary. For 100 years, UA Local 342 has trained and represented qualified journeymen and apprentices in the trades of plumbing, pipefitting and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigerating (HVACR) across Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in Northern California.

Chartered on May 1, 1914, UA Local 342 started with just over 21 members, working tirelessly in support of the rights of workers in the pipe trades industries. Today, they represent over 3,200 members. Over the years, Local 342 has been essential in leading various projects and ongoing maintenance of regional infrastructure including at four refineries, two chemical plants, and ten cogeneration plants in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In addition, their work has positively impacted major hospitals in the area, including Sutter Hospital, Highland Hospital, and Kaiser Hospital in both Oakland and San Leandro.

United Association Local 342 promotes a high standard of excellence, focusing on worker safety and providing rigorous training for each union member. The apprenticeship program has been recognized at the national level for its quality training. Many apprentices have competed and won in state, regional and national level competitions.

Moreover, UA Local 342 is dedicated to supporting and giving back to their community. Among the many donations to local high schools and community colleges, Local 342 members also participate in local food drives at Alameda and Contra Costa County Food Banks. In addition, members of Local 342 have volunteered their services to improve Shepherd's Gate, a safe haven for abused women, by installing plumbing in their facility.

We commend the United Association Local 342 for leading the charge in the fight for worker's rights. In addition, we applaud the men and women of Local 342 for their dedication to preparing and training their membership for the advancements in technology and the challenges of today's expanding and diverse industry.

On behalf of the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, we congratulate the

United Association Local 342 on this important milestone and thank you for the invaluable service you provide to our community. We wish you all the best as you forge ahead toward another 100 years of protecting the rights of workers.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JULIE
SCHRECK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of former Bradley Beach Mayor Julie Schreck. Mayor Schreck passed away on May 4, 2014 after a life filled with numerous personal and professional accomplishments.

Prior to serving as the first female mayor of Bradley Beach, Mayor Schreck worked in the corporate communications and training field for 25 years. She began her career in public service as a councilwoman for the Borough of Bradley Beach. After four years as mayor, she became the Admissions Director at Voyagers' Community School, where her daughter is a student.

During her tenure as mayor of Bradley Beach, Mayor Schreck promoted her interest in the environment and the arts. Her administration focused on sustainability, community-building and equity and supported an open and accountable government.

The daughter of Pat and Ray Schreck, Mayor Schreck was born in New Haven, Connecticut on July 27, 1962. She was a scholar and an athlete in high school and college, graduating Fordham University with a Bachelor's degree in English. Mayor Schreck leaves behind a loving family, including her husband Joseph West and 8 year-old daughter Molly West, her parents and siblings Rachel Schreck, Kristina Ellis and Rich Schreck.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mayor Schreck for her dedication to her family, leadership to the Bradley Beach community and her commitment to each endeavor she undertook.

SUPPORT OF OUR STRATEGIC
ALLY, ISRAEL

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, rise today in support of our strategic ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel.

Over 65 years ago, the Nation of Israel was founded and the Jewish people returned to their long-promised homeland.

In the Middle East, it is vital that Israel and the United States continue to protect our shared values including our commitment to liberty, equality and religious freedom.

I am pleased to see that the House Armed Services Committee restored funding to joint U.S.-Israeli missile defenses.

Israel's security should be our first priority but this includes more than just weapons funding.

I support the talks and negotiations currently taking place with Iran.

As the Obama Administration continues talks with Iran, we, in Congress, have a responsibility to continue considering additional sanctions in case the talks fail.

The Iranians must understand that weapons grade uranium enrichment will not be tolerated and that the United States and Israel's security will be protected.

We will continue to monitor the negotiations closely and Congress will not hesitate to act should further sanctions become necessary.

PRIVATE SHIRLEY BROWN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Private Shirley Brown for her service to our country.

Private Brown heard the call to join the military after President Roosevelt's speech to the country in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor. She was only 18 at the time and had to wait until she turned 20 to join the service. On her 20th birthday, Shirley and her mother took the bus to the recruiting station where she joined the United States Marine Corps and served from March 1944 to December 1945.

Private Brown's most memorable times during her military service was learning to drive in a convoy and repairing military trucks.

Private Brown served courageously, and she charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Private Shirley Brown for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support this legislation.

I was a U.S. Attorney for several years.

My staff and I prosecuted a prostitution ring. There were several defendants.

All the defendants were convicted.

The convictions were affirmed on appeal.

Women and girls from in their twenties down to their teens, low teens, were kidnapped, tortured mentally and physically, and raped, repeatedly.

A wire tap revealed that the defendants were on the phone complaining that their hands hurt so much from beating the victims to get them to do what they did not want to do.

The sentences of the defendants were lengthy.

In fact, one of the ring leaders, who went by the name William "Sleazy T" Williams, an appropriate name, received 45 years in prison.

This is the quintessential reason why we must pass this legislation.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE HAM-
TRAMCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important milestone in the City of Hamtramck as the community comes together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Hamtramck Police Department.

When Hamtramck first incorporated as a village in 1901, the tight-knit community was served by a single Marshall, Charles Johnson. For the first twelve years of its existence, Hamtramck was served by one law enforcement officer. On November 14, 1914, under the leadership of Marshall Bernard Whalen, the Hamtramck Village Police Force was formed. As the Hamtramck community entered the 1920s, the police force began to develop and take shape.

Hailed as a progressive organization for its time, the Hamtramck Police Department employed multiple African American officers beginning in the 1920s. When Officer Harry Wurmuserkerken became chief in 1922, he oversaw the specialization of the department into bureaus to better serve the people of Hamtramck. Just two years later, the Hamtramck Police added a Women's Division to the department under the direction of Mrs. Susan Glinski. This division provided significant support to women and families living in the community. Thanks to its efforts, Hamtramck had one of the lowest juvenile delinquency rates in Michigan.

Over the decades that followed, the department grew along with the City of Hamtramck, reaching its peak of 120 officers in the 1940s. The department implemented many new technologies that helped increase responsiveness and public safety, including new patrol cars, a Teletype machine, a fire signal system, and a Western Electric one way radio system. During this time, thanks to the efforts and sacrifices of its officers in uniform, Hamtramck was named Safest City in America by AAA in 1946.

Following the peak of Hamtramck's population, the police department, just as its counterparts in neighboring municipalities, faced a period of tribulation where its officers faced increasing crime rates coupled with decreasing population and resources. In spite of these challenges, the men and women of the Hamtramck Police Department have been vigilant to protect their vibrant and diverse community. Their efforts are an important part of revitalizing the Southeast Michigan region and I commend the officers of the Hamtramck Police Department for their bravery and service to the community. The 100th Anniversary of the police department is a great milestone in the history of Hamtramck and I wish the officers of the department continued success and safety in their ongoing endeavors to protect their community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

From its inception in 1964, the enduring mission of JCUA has always been to combat poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism, working in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities. Guided by the Jewish principles of "tzedek" (justice) and "tikkun olam" (repairing the world), JCUA has reached across faith, race, and class to pursue social and economic justice for those most affected by poverty and discrimination.

JCUA has been an active and leading voice in Chicago for five decades. During that time, JCUA has facilitated the development and preservation of thousands of units of affordable housing, advocated for public policies that address the root causes of poverty, and educated and mobilized a Jewish constituency to create a more just Chicago.

During JCUA's 50 years of working in Chicago's diverse communities, it has also fostered deep relationships and built an understanding and trust with the organizations with which they partner. By bringing Jewish voices and Jewish participation to their issues—as partners and allies—JCUA continues to tackle root causes of injustice to create positive systemic change.

While the specific campaigns, issues, and challenges in Chicago have changed, poverty and racism continue as modern day plagues, creating enormous obstacles and threatening the humanity of everyone. Today, JCUA pursues social and economic justice through issue-based campaigns, community investment, and building bridges between the Jewish community and communities challenged by poverty and discrimination.

JCUA's Community Ventures Program provides zero-interest loans to spur the creation of affordable housing and economic development projects. One loan recently allowed St. Leonard's Ministries to help open the doors of Gracie's Café in partnership with St. Leonard's Ministry, providing jobs and training for formerly incarcerated men and women.

Through ongoing solidarity and partnership with grassroots community groups, JCUA demonstrates that effectively addressing the root causes of social injustice in partnerships and in coalitions with those directly impacted is the most effective way to combat systemic oppression.

JCUA's Jewish Muslim Community Building Initiative, in partnership with Muslim groups, continues to build strong bridges between Jewish and non-Jewish communities. These relationships help to dissolve barriers of potential bigotry and ignorance and to foster a culture of genuine understanding and respect.

And finally, JCUA plants seeds for a better future through its teen social justice program, Or Tzedek, engaging youth as active leaders and organizers in current social justice campaigns. Or Tzedek provides teens with inspiration and the know-how to be powerful and effective agents of social change.

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs remains as relevant today as it was 50 years ago—serving as an essential Jewish voice for social justice. I join others in the Chicago area offering my gratitude for JCUA's five decades of service.

HONORING KEVIN BAKER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kevin Baker, an American History teacher from Springfield, Missouri, who led his 30th annual school trip to Washington, D.C., this spring.

On March 11, 2014, Kevin completed his 30th school trip to Washington with a group of nearly 100 students from Pershing Middle School in Springfield, Missouri. While in Washington, the students visited the Capitol, Library of Congress, Smithsonian museums, and the many monuments along the National Mall celebrating our heritage.

It is no easy task to plan and coordinate a trip involving such a large number of students and parents, but the support of the Springfield community helps make these trips a continued success, including the help of Anne Lanzilotta, the group's tour guide for the last 28 years, and his fellow teachers Scott Corn and Cale McAninch who have assisted him on the annual trips for the last 15 years.

Kevin's passion for American history runs through his family. His wife Valerie and two sons Tristan and Trevor have attended multiple trips and not only encourage his efforts, they enjoy them. Kevin continues the tour of the capital because he wants all of his students to experience the history of our country through the monuments, museums, and memorials, as well as to share that love for country, that awestruck feeling he received every time he traveled to Washington. He credits his work ethic to the examples set by his parents, Luther and Joyce, and the support he received growing up from his younger brother Dwight.

Kevin hopes that these annual trips will motivate or inspire some of his young students to return to Washington as elected officials and embrace new ideas for the future of our great nation. He credits the Springfield community for making so many of these trips possible. The education of a child is a once in a lifetime experience, and the immersion into our history and political process makes the efforts well worth it.

RECOGNIZING JOHNNY HARRIS' 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Johnny Harris Restaurant of Savannah, which will celebrate the 90th anniversary of its founding this May. This barbeque joint has been a mainstay for the people of Savannah since it opened its doors as a simple roadside establishment on May 1, 1924, and it

has always been one of my favorite spots in Savannah.

The Johnny Harris Restaurant is one of the oldest food service providers in the city. Much to the amusement of native Savannahians, the restaurant has a long history of serving its customers with entertainment in addition to excellent food and legendary barbeque sauce. When Johnny Harris, founder and namesake of the restaurant, first moved to the Victory Drive location, there was a small zoo directly behind the property. His wife, Mrs. Harris, often took of the zoo's monkeys on carriage rides around the neighborhood to the delight of local children.

For Johnny Harris, the customer has always been the number one priority. It was the first restaurant in Savannah to install an air conditioning system for its dance floor as well as a revolving bandstand. It remained in business through the Great Depression and is exemplary of hard work, perseverance, and hospitality of Savannahians. I am proud to congratulate Johnny Harris Restaurant as it celebrates this historic milestone.

CONDOLENCES REGARDING MINE EXPLOSION IN TURKEY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the recent mining disaster in Soma, Turkey, which has now claimed 301 lives, and I extend my deepest condolences to the people of Turkey who struggle to make sense of this unfortunate accident. My thoughts and prayers are with both the families mourning the loss of their loved ones, and with the injured as they begin their long journeys to recovery.

Turkey is a longstanding friend and ally of the United States. From the Cold War to the fight against international terror, we have stood together against challenges and threats and we stand again in solidarity with our Turkish friends at this very difficult time. On behalf of myself and my constituents, I wish to offer the people of Soma, and the people of Turkey, our deepest sympathies.

RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY ACT PERFORMANCE

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 10 outstanding high school seniors from Carroll County, Tennessee. These scholars were recently recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic excellence in scoring a 29 or better on the national ACT test. This accomplishment ranks the students among the top seven percent in the nation of all the students who took the ACT exam.

I commend—Brandon Barker, Micah Bullock, Dan Hoffman, Joshua Howell, Corey Kleppe, Joshua Malley, Robert Medford, Katelyn Ridley, Lucas Simmons and Kelsey

Wallace—for their academic achievement, commitment to high standards, and as a shining example of the educational quality found throughout West Tennessee.

The American College Testing (ACT) is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admission. The test consists of four concentrations: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning, with an optional writing component. The main four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1 to 36.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate all these individuals and wish them the best of luck for all future endeavors. I am extremely proud of you all.

SERGEANT JENNIFER LATINI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sergeant Jennifer Latini for her service to our country.

Sergeant Latini served in the United States Army and Army National Guard from 1989 to 1995. She was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency where she used her Arabic language and knowledge of Arabic culture during her deployment to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She continues to use her skills and passion for veterans' issues by serving as the Secretary for the United Veterans Committee of Colorado.

Through her courageous service, Sergeant Latini charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Jennifer Latini for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,479,199,305,480.74. We've added \$6,852,322,256,567.70 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I attended the funeral of a family member and missed votes on May 19, 2014 and May 20, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the following bills:

1. H.R. 2203—To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy

2. H.R. 685—American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal

3. Agreeing to the Conference Report on H.R. 3080—Water Resources Reform and Development Act

4. H.R. 3530—Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act

5. H.R. 4225—Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL TONY KROGH'S DEDICATED MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, let me commend the attention of the House to Colonel Tony Krogh, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to the United States of America. Colonel Krogh is retiring after an exemplary 28 year career in service to his country. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit Award, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Tony earned his commission as an Officer in the United States Army from the ROTC program at the University of Alabama, where he was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He served first as an engineer and later as a Models and Simulations Officer with numerous operational assignments in Germany; Fort Drum, NY; Fort McPherson, GA; and Saudi Arabia. His combat deployments include Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as the chief of current operations for Joint Task Force 7. He also excelled as the lead for a Partnership for Peace military exercise that involved planning, coordination, and execution with 42 countries. Because of his demonstrated superior understanding of Corps operations, he was selected by the Corps Commander as the interim Deputy G-3 and Deputy Chief of Operations.

In recognition of his superior performance, Tony was specifically chosen in 2005 to lead the Army's effort to integrate mission command systems. He skillfully led a Combat Identification effort that for the first time allowed common operating pictures across all services, reducing the risk of accidental deaths for U.S. and Coalition forces. Simultaneously, Tony led the effort for the Army's first "Battle Command Strategy," published in 2006, which created a service wide battle command architecture that is still in use today.

Immediately after his training at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 2008, Tony was appointed as the Director of Simulation at the Aviation Center of Excellence. He leveraged his extensive technical background and operational experience to produce realistic training exercises that readied 21 aviation brigades for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

He provided the leadership and strategic vision for Aviation simulators and simulation programs across the U.S. Army, while managing a \$1.8 billion service contract and the largest collection of high fidelity, full motion simulators in the world.

In 2010, having been recognized as the Army's foremost authority on training simulations, Tony became the first Colonel centrally selected to be the Director of the National Simulation Center (NSC). In that capacity, he provided the U.S. Army with state-of-the-art training simulation capabilities from individual soldier to theater level command exercises. Simultaneously, he was given the responsibility for the Army's efforts with Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) Integrated Training. His direct involvement created the most realistic and affordable training across camps, posts and stations the Army has ever known.

In July of 2012, Colonel Krogh was selected to serve as the Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs (G-8) where he swiftly established much needed procedures and high standards. After an extremely successful first year, he rebuilt the G-8's Initiatives Group and as Director, focused efforts on shaping and promoting Army equities across numerous communities at the strategic level.

Throughout his successful career, Colonel Krogh has been anchored by the strength of his wife and partner, Kim. Through her generous spirit and loving support, she has selflessly stood by Tony's side, taking care of their family through countless moves and stressful deployments. At every step of the way, Mrs. Krogh has sought community leadership and volunteer positions within military and local communities. Her endeavors include major fundraising for scholarships, Toys for Tots, and renovating youth sports facilities; volunteering for school programs, local animal rescues, and animal therapy for hospital patients and the elderly; and establishing community websites to link family members. In fact, Kim was selected as "Community Volunteer of the Year" in Heidelberg, Germany. Mrs. Krogh embodies the ideals we cherish: strength, loyalty, commitment and selfless service. Her sacrifices and accomplishments as well have earned our admiration.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my honor to recognize Colonel Tony Krogh and his nearly three decades of dignified and distinguished service. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending his contributions and the mark he has made on the United States Army. We wish Tony, his wife Kim, and their two children, Mary Ashley and Erickson, all the best as they embark on their next journey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 221, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
EULESS MAYOR MARY LIB SALEH

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Honorable Mary Lib Saleh who is retiring from her position as the Mayor of Euless, Texas, after 21 years of service. Mayor Saleh has been an instrumental leader in the successful growth of Euless and the greater North Texas region. Throughout her tenure, the City of Euless has developed into a premiere location where families want to live, businesses want to operate, and people want to visit.

Mayor Mary Lib Saleh was elected as the first female mayor of Euless in 1993 after serving two years as a council member and two years as mayor pro tem. Prior to her service on the council, Mayor Saleh was an at-home mother of five children. She was active in church, scouts, school activities, and the PTA where she holds a Texas Lifetime Membership. All five of her children are now married, and her family has grown to include seven grandchildren.

During Mayor Saleh's time in office, the City of Euless has greatly developed its infrastructure. Some of the developments that have occurred over the last two decades include an outstanding library, which has been voted the best in Northeast Tarrant County; a State recognized municipal golf course; a premier park with great baseball stadiums; a state-of-the-art police and courts facility; new public works and parks buildings; a new fire station; revitalization of all city buildings, including City Hall; and Veterans Park, complete with a beautiful Eagle and Liberty Bell sculpture.

Mayor Saleh serves on a number of local boards that address healthcare, business, and transportation. She has also founded community organizations such as the Women in Government organization for Tarrant County elected women and directed the formation of the Mayor's Roundtable as a branch of the Northeast Leadership Forum.

Mayor Saleh is a proponent of public art, historical preservation, and education; furthermore, she has been instrumental in bringing talented people together who have been successful in documenting the history of the city through photographs, written histories, and historical markers.

Mayor Saleh spearheaded an art program with the mission of sharing original artwork at public facilities. The art program has most notably impacted the community with ten beautiful original bronze statues created by a Texas artist. In addition to public art around the city, Mayor Saleh formed the Euless Library Foundation to enhance the artistic image of the library and provide educational programs. As a result, the Foundation has provided two bronze statues for the library grounds.

Under Mayor Saleh's leadership, the City of Euless won the prestigious U.S. Conference of Mayors City Livability Award in 2006 for a composting program developed for its citizens. In 2008, Euless was also selected by Business Week as the Best Small City in Texas to Raise Children, and Money Magazine rated the Euless as one of the Best Small Cities in

the United States. In 2009, Euless, Bedford, and Hurst jointly received the North Texas Council of Governments Regional Cooperation Award, and in 2012, Euless received the award again alongside Arlington, Fort Worth, and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Many organizations have recognized Mayor Saleh for her contributions and leadership. The distinctions Mayor Saleh has earned include the Clyde Mooney and the Gertrude Tarpley Spirit Award from the HEB Chamber of Commerce, Legacy of Women Honoree for Volunteerism from the Women's Shelter, and the prestigious title of Tarrant County's Most Influential Woman in 1998.

Mayor Saleh has also been a terrific partner with my congressional office. With her assistance, my office has been able to host numerous events for the constituents of the 24th District such as town halls, Congressional Art Competition ceremonies, community casework meetings, and veterans fairs.

Mayor Saleh has enjoyed much success during her time in public office. Her impact on the City of Euless, as well as North Texas, has been tremendous. Mayor Saleh's presence on the Euless City Council will be sorely missed, but her legacy in the area will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking the Honorable Mary Lib Saleh for her years of service on the Euless City Council.

HONORING DR. HELEN J.H.
STEPHENS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Helen J.H. Stephens. Known throughout the Bay Area and the Nation as a great gospel singer, community leader and as a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dr. Stephens has left an indelible mark on our community. With her passing on May 3, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the inspiring role she played in many lives through gospel music and as a spiritual leader.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Helen Stephens began performing at a young age. While attending Booker T. Washington High School, Dr. Stephens played the piano for weekly assembly programs, sang in the school choir, performed in operettas and was active in the school band. After she obtained a music degree from Dillard University, she married Arnold E. Stephens in 1950, and then moved to Oakland, California three years later.

Once in California, Dr. Stephens quickly began organizing many successful vocal groups, including the "Stephens Singers" in 1965 and "The Voices of Christ" in 1969. "The Voices of Christ" began with 23 members and quickly grew to 92 within a year. The choir has recorded eight albums and has received numerous awards. "The Voices of Christ" was inducted into the Bay Area Gospel Academy Awards Hall of Fame.

Among Dr. Helen Stephens' many accomplishments, she was an active community

leader and organizer. She founded the Northern California Chapter of the Gospel Workshop of America and was the chapter representative. In addition, she taught at several colleges, including the College of Marin in Kentfield and at Dominican College, and she introduced and incorporated gospel music into the curriculum for California State University, East Bay.

Dr. Helen Stephens has left a lasting imprint on our society and communities of faith. In 1992, Dr. Stephens was appointed to the National Board of Directors of the Gospel Music Workshop of America in Chicago, Illinois. In addition, she served on the Marin Arts Council in Marin County, serving two one-year terms. For her extraordinary work, Dr. Stephens was recognized with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music Ministry from the Belle Grove Theological Seminary in 2004.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and gospel leader, Dr. Helen J.H. Stephens. Her dedication and efforts have helped to spread the inspiration of gospel music and have impacted so many lives throughout the nation. I join all of Helen's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life. She will be deeply missed.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA AGLE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, twenty five years ago, Ms. Laura Agle accepted a calling to serve others by becoming a staff member with the South DeKalb YMCA; and

Whereas, she has served the citizens of our District with great care, concern and professionalism, by inspiring, educating and motivating; giving a boost to those aspiring to be in the best physical shape of their lives; and

Whereas, she has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend, a community leader and an inspiring servant, who ensured that physical fitness and wellness opportunities are available to all; and

Whereas, Ms. Agle is a cornerstone in our community enhancing the lives of many for the betterment of our District and our Nation; and

Whereas, on her retirement from the South DeKalb YMCA, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Laura Agle for exemplary service and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim January 31, 2014 as Ms. Laura Agle Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of January, 2014.

SERGEANT NORA MUND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sergeant Nora Mund for her service to our country.

Sergeant Mund served in the United States Marine Corps from August 2006 to November 2012. She was the first female assigned to serve as the senior armor-small arms repair technician for the Marine Corps Infantry Officer's Course, Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant Mund volunteered to deploy to Iraq with Operation Enduring Freedom and was selected to serve on the Marine Corps' first Female Engagement Team. She worked directly with the Afghan population and on foot patrol. During her deployment she was assigned to the 1st Battalion 6th Marines, Charlie Company, and 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, Golf Company. She was medically retired due to injuries sustained during her tour in Afghanistan, and she is currently a full time student at the University of Colorado—Denver. She is participating in a research internship with "Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors."

Through her courageous service, Sergeant Mund charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Nora Mund for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE 2014 U.S.
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 141 high school seniors across the country that have been named a part of the 50th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars as a result of their academic success, leadership, community service, and commitment to excellence.

I am particularly proud students from my District, William P. Lamb of Memphis University School and Kevin J. Sun of Collierville High School, have been selected as two of the four students from Tennessee for this prestigious honor. I commend them both for being positive role models to young people across our great state, and the country through their commitment to academic excellence and community service.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selected the members of this year's Presidential Scholars class from 3,900 qualified candidates who are among the three million students expected to graduate high school this year.

Once again, congratulations to Mr. Lamb and Mr. Sun for their outstanding accomplishments. I am very proud of you both.

HONORING KENNETH J. HAMMOND

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Yeoman First Class Kenneth J. Hammond, an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS), and an exemplary community volunteer for Food Forward, an organization dedicated to promoting

food justice and making change around hunger in our community.

Born in Ukiah, California, YN1 Hammond graduated from Temecula Valley High School and joined the United States Navy on July 16, 1996. Over the years, YN1 Hammond has had a distinguished career in the Navy. YN1 Hammond is currently serving the sailors and officers of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE (NMCB 5) as the Administrative Department Leading Petty Officer. His work has earned him many accolades and awards that demonstrate his personal vigor and professional work ethic.

In addition to his honorable service in the Navy, YN1 Hammond is equally as dedicated and selfless in his community. As a Pick Leader, Neighborhood Captain, and Board Advisor for Food Forward, YN1 Hammond has volunteered over 787 hours, has picked over 40,000 pounds of fruit, and has recruited over 160 volunteers to help at various events. These accomplishments are indicative of YN1 Hammond's unwavering commitment and dedication to both his community and to the ideologies of philanthropy.

YN1 Hammond is dedicated to the mission of Food Forward and inspires others through his work. With great enthusiasm, YN1 Hammond encourages others to take part in the fight against hunger through his continuous and successful recruitment of new pick leaders.

YN1 Hammond has impacted the lives of those in our community by spearheading the "picking" events with volunteer recruitment, fundraising and building awareness of the Food Forward mission. In 2013 alone, YN1 Hammond's positive attitude and determined spirit of volunteerism has helped the Ventura County branch of Food Forward harvest over 120,000 pounds or 480,000 servings of fresh fruit that would have otherwise gone to waste to help feed our hungry neighbors.

It is with sincere appreciation that I would like to recognize YN1 Kenneth Hammond and commend him on his steadfast dedication to his country and, especially, to his community.

LT. COL. JOHN MCCARTHY, USMC,
RET.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. John J. McCarthy retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1975 after 29 years of outstanding service and leadership. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, which was awarded to him in 1969 citing his courage, superior airmanship and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger in Vietnam. He also was awarded the Bronze Star and 19 Air Medals. Lt. Col. McCarthy was 17 years old when he joined the U.S. Navy in 1946, subsequently earning a college degree from Temple University. Because of his long-standing interest in flying, in 1952 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and entered flight school. In 1964, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he flew 180 missions. He would return to Vietnam in 1968 as the commanding officer at Chu-Lai and flew another 130 combat mis-

sions. He will be honored by his fellow members of the Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post, 148 in his home County of Bucks, Pennsylvania, on Memorial Day, 2014—a ceremony he will attend in full uniform. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge the exemplary service of a courageous leader who has honorably served his country and set an example for others to follow.

HONORING GIRLS INCORPORATED
OF SHELBYVILLE AND SHELBY
COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Girls Incorporated of Shelbyville and Shelby County, Indiana.

This organization recently was recognized by the National Girls Incorporated organization with the 2014 Outstanding Affiliate of the Year Award, the highest honor an affiliate can receive.

The Girls Incorporated movement has been helping girls obtain the skills and knowledge needed to successfully navigate the challenges women face in life for more than 150 years. The network of local Girls Incorporated organizations serves over 136,000 girls across the United States and Canada. The dedicated professionals of Girls Incorporated lead programs ranging from money management to fitness and health. They also work to foster an interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

The first Girls Club in Shelbyville was formed in October 1971. Since then, the club has gone through a reorganization, name change and relocation. Through it all, the girls club has been an asset for the greater Shelbyville community touching the lives of thousands of area girls and their families. In 2014, Girls Inc. of Shelbyville and Shelby County was also recognized by the National Girls Incorporated organization as "An Affiliate Who Grew." This growth in membership and impact in the community is a testament to the hard work and the dedication of the organization's local leaders.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Girls Incorporated of Shelbyville and Shelby County for their outstanding achievements and dedication to the community. I look forward to seeing what this incredible group will achieve in the future.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM
COTTINGHAM

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William Cottingham of Rolla, Missouri, who retired on April 30th of this year after working 36 years as a physician at the Mercy Clinic Internal Medicine in Rolla.

Dr. Cottingham has tirelessly worked to improve his community and provide excellent

healthcare for nearly four decades. Throughout his career, Dr. Cottingham became known for making those around him laugh. Patients that entered the hospital sick or injured would leave with a sense of comfort and a smile. He held a deep connection with each of his patients. He was not just their doctor; he was their teacher, confidant and friend. I am confident his passion for helping others and making people laugh will come in handy during his retirement. He plans to stay in Rolla and spend more time with his wife, as well as travel to see his five grandchildren. I would like to thank Dr. Cottingham for his service to the Rolla community and wish him a long and happy retirement.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. The bill provides critical authorities to support our men and women in uniform.

In particular, I appreciate the leadership of Readiness Chairman, Mr. ROB WITTMAN of Virginia, and the way we have worked together to address the readiness of our United States military. Our hearings this session have highlighted some serious challenges to readiness in the coming years if we do not solve the broader issue of sequestration, which I believe is achievable if we put everything on the table for discussion.

The Readiness title of the bill recommends additional funds to address particular readiness shortfalls, such as Pacific Command's prepositioned munitions; corrosion control, prevention, and mitigation; Air Force training range improvements; depot-level maintenance; operational tempo; aviation readiness; and National Guard training, among other readiness priorities.

Additionally, the bill addresses policy issues such as prepositioned stocks, crisis response elements, regionally aligned forces, ship homeport designations and overseas maintenance, readiness metrics, and the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, including airlift and tanker capabilities in the Pacific.

But as much as we do to enhance readiness by authorizing increased funding by some \$1.6 billion in the areas mentioned earlier, I believe this bill goes too far in cutting the operation and maintenance accounts in order to find funding for items not requested in the President's Budget in other titles of the bill.

The bill authorizes \$164.3 billion in operations and maintenance funding, which is \$1.4 billion below what the President's Budget requested. I am particularly concerned about the

\$2.5 billion in cuts from four areas: unobligated balances, civilian personnel, and contracts for facilities maintenance and for Other Services. The cuts in these areas far outstrip the \$455 million targeted reductions adjudicated by the committee staff on a bipartisan basis after careful consideration of the services' operations and maintenance budgets.

I am not a fan of using expensive contractors for functions that could, and should, have been performed by civilian personnel, contracting is a fact of life and we are nearing the end of 13 years of two wars where we were heavily dependent on contractor support for execution of those wars.

The budget request had already reduced facility maintenance to 60–70% of the stated requirement in fiscal year 2015. A further reduction of \$419 million in this bill means the military services would forego repairs and upgrades to airfield runways, taxiways, and aprons; and to mission-critical facilities and infrastructure such as electrical systems, heating and air conditioning systems, and roofs. It would mean delays in renovations, consolidations, conversions, and demolitions to more efficiently use space and reduce operations and maintenance costs; deferral of repairs and upgrades to alleviate life, health, and safety deficiencies, including fire protection systems upgrades. And it would mean postponement of repairs, replacements, or reconfigurations of gates and other installation security components.

The \$399 million cut to the Other Services account could impact the quality of life for servicemembers by reducing or eliminating food service, tuition assistance, general training, family support programs, library support, physical fitness services, laundry services, testing, general and employee training, professional credentialing for health professionals, and ROTC scholarships instructor pay and textbooks.

Unlike the \$1.4 billion in cuts to unobligated balances which are taken in an undistributed manner at the military service level, the cuts in facility maintenance and Other Services are levied in every budget sub-activity group. This means we have hit almost every readiness account in operations and maintenance, including maneuver units, force readiness operations, depot maintenance, base operations, combatant commander mission support, strategic mobility, prepositioned stocks, industrial preparedness, ROTC, specialized skill training, professional development education, training support, logistic support, ammunition management, service-wide communications, manpower management, and classified programs.

Further, I would note that contracts for Other Services includes professional services the Pentagon purchases to research, compile, and publish the reports that this committee and others require each year, including the hundreds of new reports required in this bill alone!

Because of hiring freezes, sequestration, furloughs, pay freezes, and legislative mandates, most Department of Defense components and defense agencies have been functioning at 80 percent of their authorized manpower for the past 2 to 3 years and were only starting to recover in this fiscal year. Along with the services contracts cuts, a \$315 million cut to civilian personnel funding in fiscal year 2015 makes a mockery of the Total Force Management concepts this committee adopted

and endorsed just three years ago, as defense components have told me they could not shed people fast enough and would have to undertake arbitrary reductions in force without consideration of mission requirements.

Compounding these cuts is the \$2 billion military personnel-related funding hole the Department will have to fill resulting from other actions this committee is considering today. Those funds, most likely, will come out of the operations and maintenance accounts when the Department of Defense executes the fiscal year 2015 budget.

At a time when only 50% of Air Force pilots have returned to appropriate training levels; when the Navy has been forced to propose Phased Modernization of cruisers and amphibious warships to extend their service life, when the Marine Corps is establishing crisis response task forces without programming the full funding needed to resource them, and when the Army has identified \$1.7 billion in unfunded training needs, I believe it is unwise and extraordinarily risky to fund the readiness accounts at \$1.4 billion below the President's budget request. These cuts essentially impose another level of sequestration on the operation and maintenance accounts.

As noted in a Readiness hearing this year, our top priority should be to ensure that no soldier, sailor, airman, or marine ever enters a fair fight. Our subcommittee has highlighted and documented the operations and maintenance shortfalls for the past three years and it is our duty and responsibility to ensure our men and women who serve have the necessary resources to dominate in any operational environment.

I am concerned that our bill does not address an issue that I and a number of other Members in the House of Representatives have concerns about regarding the transition of the Global Privately Owned Vehicle Contract (GPC) to a new contractor. The prior contractor performed well for the US government on the prior GPC contract. But a decision was made to change contractors to save some money, despite concerns being raised about the new contractor's ability to perform and questions about whether there were any real cost savings. I raised some of those concerns during a recent Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing, and my colleagues have also made inquiries regarding the contractor change.

Guam receives a significant shipment of privately owned vehicles, and our servicemembers rely on efficient and timely privately owned vehicle delivery to help integrate into their new units and to help their families cope with the difficulties associated with Permanent Change in Station assignments. I ask that you work with me, along with others on the Committee who have expressed similar concerns, to closely monitor and provide greater oversight on the transition to the new contractor. The new contractor assumed responsibility on May 1, and I understand some facilities were still not fully operational at that time and the contractor's logistics IT network was not fully deployed. Unfortunately, it appears that many of our concerns regarding the new contractor's ability to perform may be coming into fruition.

Going forward, I hope the Committee will monitor the transition and ensure that the best value decision was made with respect to this important contract and in support of our servicemembers and their families.

Finally, this bill continues a tradition of supporting the Department of Defense's efforts to support the Obama Administration's Asia-Pacific rebalance strategy. The bill fully funds military construction related to the realignment of Marines from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. The realignment is the most tangible aspect of the rebalance strategy and showing our commitment has a profoundly positive impact on the rebalance. Further, like the last several years, the bill eliminates restrictions on use of Government of Japan funds to support the realignment. Given the current budget constraints at the Department of Defense it is prudent that we free up Government of Japan direct contributions to support this endeavor.

I am concerned that this bill cuts over \$80 million requested in the President's Budget to support critical upgrades to civilian water and wastewater systems on Guam. I believe that these upgrades are needed to support a robust military presence on island and are needed now. However, I appreciate that the bill does include language authorizing a \$13 million civilian infrastructure project that was appropriated in Fiscal Year 2012. Specifically, the project is for the development of a cultural repository which is needed to meet federal standards for the preservation of artifacts that are discovered during military construction activities. This project was agreed to in the Programmatic Agreement signed several years ago by Governor Calvo and various federal entities. Authorizing funds for this project keeps the U.S. Government's commitment to the people of Guam.

The bill also included an amendment adopted during full committee consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 that requires the Department of Defense and Department of State, working in coordination with other relevant federal agencies, to develop a clear strategy for the Asia-Pacific rebalance. I offered this amendment with Mr. FORBES of Virginia and Ms. HANABUSA of Hawaii. The provision outlines what the strategy should contain and is mirrored off Department of Defense East Asia Strategy Reviews from the 1990s. It is important that our allies clearly understand what the Asia-Pacific rebalance strategy is so that there are assurances about the United States' presence in this critical region of the world.

Moreover, this provision would also require the National Security Council, working with the Office of Management and Budget, to use the strategy to develop an implementation plan for budget development. Another concern that has been articulated by a number of think tanks as well as allies in the region is about the commitment of the United States in putting real resources towards this rebalance strategy. It is important that the implementation plan give clear guidance to relevant agencies in what programs and projects they should fund to support the Asia-Pacific rebalance strategy. The rebalance to the Asia-Pacific is an important and wise strategic goal and the implementation plan should help to ensure that this effort lasts past any one Administration.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4435.

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the House's legislative efforts to combat human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery. The sickening fact is that human trafficking is a big, booming business—trafficking a child for sex is more lucrative than drug trafficking. That is why I am glad to join my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, in taking additional steps to protect our sons and daughters from this horrible crime. This legislation makes many important changes to current law, and would help us provide additional resources to victims, strengthen law enforcement's ability to punish those who purchase sex from minors, and protect girls who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation from being treated as criminals. This bipartisan legislation will help to protect our most vulnerable children, including those in the foster care system, who are victimized through no fault of their own. These children need our help which is why I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this legislation.

60 YEARS AFTER BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2014, we marked the 60th anniversary of the historic Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, which overturned legalized racial segregation. The importance of this decision for our jurisprudence and overall society cannot be understated. It was no less than a full-throated affirmation of the Fourteenth Amendment, granting all Americans full and equal citizenship.

Any account of the history and enduring legacy of Brown v. Board of Education would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund under the leadership of their Executive Director, and future Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall. Marshall successfully argued that separate accommodations and treatment based on race necessarily leads to inequality.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I believe the 60th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education is an opportunity for our nation to reaffirm our dedication to full and equal citizenship for all and to reexamine the enduring inequalities in our society. As a nation, we must never stop striving to better realize the ideals in and promise of our Constitution.

IN HONOR OF 52 YEARS OF SERVICE TO INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Patricia Ann Payne, who recently retired after 52 dedicated years of teaching and mentoring in the Indianapolis Public Schools system.

Mrs. Payne, a proud graduate of Indianapolis Public Schools and Indiana University in Bloomington, began her five-decade career in education and public service as an elementary school teacher. In the first 25 years of her career, she brought her inspirational teaching style to young students at three different schools.

Mrs. Payne has long been a devoted advocate for teaching African American history in our schools. In 1987, she was assigned the special responsibility of designing and directing the IPS Office of African Centered/Multicultural Education. In 1998, she became Director of the Crispus Attucks Museum of African/African American History on the campus of Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School. She continued this important work until her retirement, and it will be a key part of her lasting legacy in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Payne's exemplary career is reflected in the many awards and accolades she has received. Chief among her many well deserved honors was being named 1984 IPS Teacher of the Year and a finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year the following year. In 2010, she received the Living Legend Award from Community Action of Greater Indianapolis. In 2012, she was the recipient of the Congresswoman Julia Carson Community Service Award. Most recently, in 2013, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Payne opened the hearts and minds of our children, encouraging them to have a positive effect in their community and the world. Mrs. Payne embodies all that Hoosiers stand for—a strong work ethic, a commitment to public service and a desire to better the community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Payne for her years of service to Indianapolis Public Schools, the City of Indianapolis and all Hoosiers.

CONDEMNING THE ABDUCTION OF FEMALE STUDENTS BY BOKO HARAM

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 573, condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the terrorist group known as Boko Haram in northeastern provinces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I am outraged by the abduction in April of over 270 innocent schoolgirls who were taken from their boarding school in Borno State, Nigeria. My thoughts and prayers remain with

these students and their families as we seek their immediate safe return.

I was horrified to watch Abubakar Shekau, the leader of the extreme Islamist group Boko Haram, admit in a video message he was responsible for this horrendous act. It was painful to hear him refer to these young innocent girls as “slaves” and threaten “to sell them in the market.”

According to media reports, Boko Haram has destroyed many Nigerian schools and killed dozens of students. Boko Haram continues to show an immoral disregard for the most fundamental of human rights, thus we must do all we can to aid in the student's safe return.

No family should have to fear their children could be abducted and placed in the human trafficking market to be sold, raped or killed. Boko Haram has to be stopped and their leader Abubakar Shekau must be apprehended and brought to justice. The Nigerian government should use all means necessary to find the girls and return them to their families.

I am encouraged that the U.S. government is already providing counterterrorism support, logistics, technical expertise and training to Nigerian investigators in this effort. I am glad Nigeria and four neighboring countries will share intelligence and border surveillance to find the students as we must combine our efforts to ensure their safe return. Additionally, I encourage the Nigerian government and leadership to strengthen efforts to protect children who are seeking an education as no student should fear for their life in an effort to further their education. We must work swiftly in an effort to find the girls and assure their safe return to their families.

I have joined my colleagues in sending a letter to President Obama urging the Department of State to use every avenue possible to assist in the immediate recovery of the missing girls and to support the welfare and safety of all women and girls in Nigeria. I urge our international partners to join with us until the girls are safely reunited with their families and Boko Haram is brought to justice.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2014

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce bipartisan legislation with my colleague Rep. TED POE.

In March of 1931 the infamous gangster, Al Capone, was indicted for tax fraud. Today the IRS Criminal Investigations division continues to play a vital role in proving criminal activity and fraud, and I believe they can play an even stronger role in cracking down on human trafficking and prostitution.

This bill is meant to enhance the Internal Revenue Service's ability to crack down on sex trafficking by authorizing \$4,000,000.00 to establish an office within the IRS to prosecute sex traffickers for violations of tax laws. The office would focus on the willful failure of traffickers to file returns, supply information, or pay tax where the taxpayer is an “aggravated”

non-filer. In addition, the office would coordinate closely with existing task forces focused on sex trafficking offenders in the Department of Justice.

The bill also amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase criminal monetary and other penalties for attempts to: evade or defeat tax, willful failure to file a tax return, supply information, or pay tax, aggravated failure to file tax returns, fraud and false statements, and underpayment or overpayment of tax due to fraud. This offense will carry a maximum sentence of 10 years and a maximum fine of \$50,000.00.

The Human Trafficking Fraud Enforcement Act of 2014 the bill also establishes a new felony offense for an aggravated failure to file to include failure to file with respect to income or payments derived from activity which is criminal under Federal or State law. This will target conduct committed by those involved in the promotion of commercial sex acts—pimps and traffickers—and not conduct of exploited persons in prostitution.

Last, this bill directly benefits those that are victimized by the traffickers by revising current IRS Whistleblower provisions so that women and girls who choose to participate in the investigation will be eligible to participate in the whistleblower program and may ultimately be granted up to 15% of any fines levied against the trafficker.

While important strides have been made to address trafficking, we must still use every tool possible to take down the traffickers. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20, 2014, I regret I missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall votes 218, 219, 220, 221, and 222.

I was in my hometown of Moore, Oklahoma on the first anniversary of the devastating tornado that tore through the Fourth District. Even though the storms last May were some of the worst we've experienced in years, we are pulling through and showing that disaster cannot crush our spirits or break our communities. That is and always will be the Oklahoma way.

HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe

military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Chair, I submit the following.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON,

Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, which contains substantial matter that falls within the Rule X legislative jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee. I appreciate the cooperation that allowed us to work out mutually agreeable text on numerous matters prior to your markup.

Based on that cooperation and our associated understandings, the Foreign Affairs Committee will not seek a sequential referral or object to floor consideration of the bill text approved at your Committee markup. However, this decision in no way diminishes or alters the jurisdictional interests of the Foreign Affairs Committee in this bill, any subsequent amendments, or similar legislation. I request your support for the appointment of House Foreign Affairs conferees during any House-Senate conference on this legislation.

Finally, I respectfully request that you include this letter and your response in your committee report on the bill and in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4435 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,

Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,

Washington, DC, May 12, 2014.

Hon. EDWARD R. ROYCE,

Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. I agree that the Foreign Affairs Committee has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Foreign Affairs Committee is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. “BUCK” MCKEON,

Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,

Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD “BUCK” MCKEON,

Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: Thank you for the opportunity to review the relevant provisions of the text of H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. The Agriculture Committee has a valid claim to jurisdiction over H.R. 4435.

I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I agree to discharge H.R. 4435 from further consideration by the Committee on Agriculture. I do so with the understanding that by discharging the bill, the Committee on Agriculture does not waive any future jurisdictional claim on this or similar matters. Further, the Committee on Agriculture reserves

the right to seek the appointment of conferees, if it should become necessary.

I ask that you insert a copy of our exchange of letters into both the Congressional Record and the Committee Report during consideration of this measure on the House floor.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter, and I look forward to continued cooperation between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

FRANK D. LUCAS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2014.

Hon. FRANK D. LUCAS,
Chairman, Agriculture Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. I agree that the Agriculture Committee has a valid jurisdictional claim to a provision in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Agriculture Committee is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. This legislation contains a provision requiring a strategy to prioritize U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

In order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the Committee will waive consideration of the bill. The Committee takes this action only with the understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered.

The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made. Finally, I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4435 on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2014.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. I agree that the Committee on Ways and Means has a valid jurisdictional claim to a provision in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of let-

ters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write concerning H.R. 4435, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015.

While the bill was referred to your Committee exclusively, there are several provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. However, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration, the Committee on Energy and Commerce will not request a sequential referral on the bill.

This is done with our mutual understanding that the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving any of its jurisdiction, will not be prejudiced with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on H.R. 4435 or similar legislation, and will be consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward. The Committee on Energy and Commerce also reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for such a request.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding, and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4435 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2014.

Hon. FRED UPTON,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to confirm our mutual understanding with respect to H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Education and the Workforce with regard to H.R. 4435 on those matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

In the interest of expediting the House's consideration of H.R. 4435, the Committee on

Education and the Workforce will forgo further consideration of this bill. However, I do so only with the understanding this procedural route will not be construed to prejudice my committee's jurisdictional interest and prerogatives on this bill or any other similar legislation and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to my committee in the future.

I respectfully request your support for the appointment of outside conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce should this bill or a similar bill be considered in a conference with the Senate. I also request you include our exchange of letters on this matter in the Committee Report on H.R. 4435 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill on the House floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

JOHN KLINE,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2014.

Hon. JOHN KLINE,
Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. I agree that the Committee on Education and the Workforce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Education and the Workforce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman.

HONORING WWII VETERANS AND RESIDENTS OF BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the 17 World War II veterans and residents of Belmont Village Senior Living in Thousand Oaks, CA. For their service to our country, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following individuals:

Corporal Keith Balkwill, Corporal Leslie Bedding, Bill Bouch, Daphne Forst, Harold Hertzberg, Private Don Matson, Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Paul McAlister, Captain Frank McCarter, Lieutenant JG Grant Olweiler, Tech 5 Sergeant Willis Peterson, Senior Assistant Surgeon Dr. John Phelan, Robert Roth, Private 1st Class Cyril Shepro, Seaman 1st Class Bill Smith, Tech 4 Sergeant Dorothy Weems, Sergeant John Weems, Master Sargent Alex Weinper, Private First Class Robert "Bob" Yanchus.

On May 21, 2014, the Belmont Village Gallery will open and showcase the captivating stories, memoirs, and pictures of these iconic

heroes. The depth and richness of each veteran's story is indicative of the valor and sacrifice that has come to define this chapter in American history.

These men and women are members of the Greatest Generation—a generation that overcame multiple challenges of adversity and embodied the definition of resilience. These brave men and women fought heroically, inspired our nation and put us on the path to victory. They remind us that no challenge is too great when we as a nation stand together as one.

Today, as we face new and profound challenges, we must look to our past and be encouraged to carry on their legacy of keeping our country strong and free and prosperous. It is incumbent on this generation to remember the challenges of our history and reaffirm our commitment to our veterans for their bravery and sacrifice. Without their selfless service to our nation, America would not have the liberties so many of us enjoy and often take for granted.

This is why our nation has an obligation to ensure that each veteran, who fought so bravely to defend our country and our freedoms, receives all of the services they need and deserve and have so honorably earned.

It is with deep appreciation and admiration that I recognize each of these veterans for their patriotism and service to our country during World War II. As a nation, we will be forever grateful for their service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

JUNE 4

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine military service to small business owner, focusing on supporting America's veteran entrepreneurs.

SR-428A